

## Shipping.

**A** LODGE will be held in the **FREEMASONRY HALL**, Zetland Street, on **WEDNESDAY**, the 16th inst., at 8.30 to 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.  
Hongkong, 10th January, 1895. [S]

Washington, 5th January, 1893.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1882. (702) Hongkong, 24th April, 1884.

151 Hongkong, 10th November, 1894.

Hongkong, 12nd September, 1894.



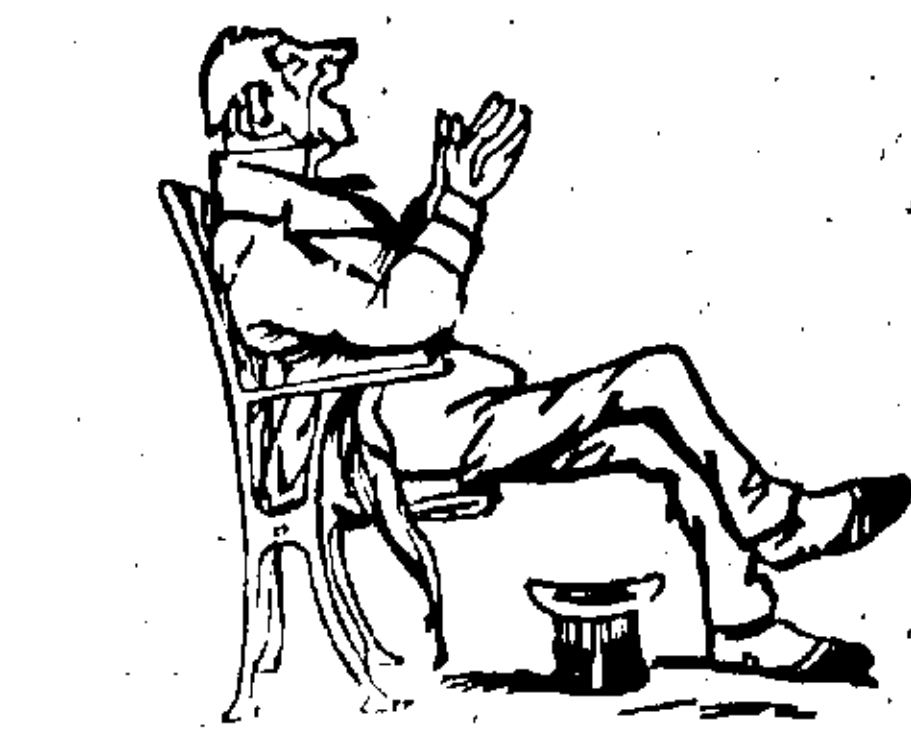




to hold the world. "men rent" are equivalent to "tablets" and "men rent" in the manner provided by 6 and 7 W. IV. C. 66. Besides the question, moreover, finally decided by what the assessor here has always done in fixing the assessed value. He takes the rent paid by the tenants and from that deducts or not the taxes according as they are paid by the tenant or not, and then in cases where the premises are let in floors, in order to make provision for any of the floors that might be untenanted during any period of the assessment year, the assessor, upon the representation of the owner, makes a deduction from the net rental and the rating value is finally fixed after such deduction.

No.	Claimant	Amount Claimed	Offer	Award
11	Cheung Sau...	\$56,000	\$30,000	\$40,000
15	Tang Kow Shee	\$55,514	\$30,000	\$35,000
3	Hongkong Fire	\$20,880	\$13,316	\$16,000
17	Wong Kiat-pat	\$5,000	\$2,796	\$3,500

## AT D'ARC'S MARIONETTES.



Old Soak, with the Christy Minstrel-tracket was in full swing.



The same old... (was in the front row) when the Salvation Army casually remarked in song that they "knew what it was to be there."

At the Bijou Theatre on the Praya Reclamation, near the R. Theatre Club, at 9 o'clock to-night.

## CRICKET.

## GARRISON V. HONGKONG C. C.

A match between eleven representing the Garrison and the Hongkong Cricket Club respectively was commenced this afternoon.

Appended are the scores up to the hour of going to press:—

## THE GARRISON.

12. Campbell, H. K. R. & D. M. Maitland	19
13. Seng, M. H. & D. M. Maitland	19
14. Seng, M. H. & D. M. Maitland	19
15. Seng, M. H. & D. M. Maitland	19
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30. Seng, M. H. & D. M. Maitland	19

## HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

T. S. Smith, 1st	2
A. S. Smith, 2nd	2
R. B. Smith, 3rd	2
R. B. Smith, 4th	2
R. B. Smith, 5th	2
R. B. Smith, 6th	2
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R. B. Smith, 15th	2
R. B. Smith, 16th	2
R. B. Smith, 17th	2
R. B. Smith, 18th	2
R. B. Smith, 19th	2
R. B. Smith, 20th	2

## THE SUNDAY CARGO WORKING ORDINANCE.

The following letter on the above subject has been forwarded to us for publication by the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce:—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th January, 1895.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 6th instant I am directed to state for the information of the Chamber of Commerce that a copy of your letter of the 20th August last was duly forwarded to the Secretary of State and that the reference to your letter of the 27th instant was made because it was the last received from the Chamber on the subject of the proposed ordinance.

I am also to point out that paragraph 2 to the Order-in-Council published in Notification No. 395 of the 2nd November, 1894, provides explicitly for the cessation of the privilege in question on the termination of existing mail contracts.

A copy of your letter under reply will be forwarded to the Secretary of State as requested, I have, etc.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Acting Colonial Secretary,  
The Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

## THE WAR IN THE NORTH.

The *Kobe Chronicle* of the 9th inst. says that the long-expected movement of the Sendai Division seems at last to be "emerging out of the dim and misty future and coming within measurable distance of the region of practical politics." The Osaka troops are already on the move in small detachments, to take the quarters in Hiroshima which the Sendai men now occupy. There are reported to be over twenty transports at Utsunomiya, mostly under orders to sail in a few days, though of course it is impossible to get any information out of the shipping people, who are all under strict orders to maintain absolute secrecy.

One effect of the war is already noticeable in the money market; silver dollars are getting scarcer and scarcer, and little change paper money is seen. Exactly how much bullion has left the country there is no reliable means of ascertaining, as of course war items do not appear in the Customs returns. But the quantity must be immense, for practically the whole of the co-erced country has had to be supplied with coinage to replace the cumbersome cash, and this means an enormous drain on the resources of Japan. It is the more seriously felt, too, since the great increase in

trade caused by the war requires more instead of less current coin. Much of the money that is being spent will return to Japan in the natural course of events, but there is necessarily considerable proportion which will not return except in the form of the "war indemnity" which China is expected to pay—some day!

The departure of the Sendai division from Hiroshima is still delayed. Almost all the transports have assembled in Utsunomiya, and it is now thought that the embarkation will be completed by the 15th inst. There are rumours that some change has been made in the plan of operations previously adopted, but the reticence of officials of course prevents any actual information leaking out. We have positive information that a detachment of troops will shortly be despatched from Utsunomiya for China. It is certain, however, that the orders at first given for the dispatch of the Osaka division to Hiroshima were countermanded. The men were as we stated, expected to reach Kobe last Saturday, and arrangements had been made to give them an entertainment, but on the news that orders to proceed to Hiroshima had been countermanded the entertainment was necessarily abandoned. Of course there may be no actual change of plan; it may simply have been found necessary to delay the dispatch of the division because the transports were not ready. It is, however, almost a month since the Third Army Corps was expected to set sail from Japan. There is a complete dearth of war news. It almost seems as if the two armies in the field had determined to enjoy their New Year in the orthodox manner without troubling about the enemy. At any rate, there appears to be a complete cessation of operations for the time being.

## SPORT AND ATHLETICS.

## BILLIARDS.

There is no more delicate, refined, fascinating, and scientific game than billiards. Even John Ruskin and Herbert Spencer have deigned to speak of billiards. Indeed, Herbert Spencer once said that he liked to see a young man play a good game of billiards, for it was an accomplishment to be proud of, although he objected to his playing too good a game, because that was evidence that he had spent too much time upon it. While billiards is one of the very best of indoor games, it is equally true that the pastime never occupied a more exalted position than it does to-day. Moreover, there have been such wonderful professional players as there are now. Doubtless great improvements have been effected in the construction of tables and in the manufacture of balls and cues, but after making every possible allowance for these matters, I am firmly convinced that we have now living the best billiard players the world has ever seen. And the best of them all, the undoubted champion, is Mr. John Roberts—another proof of the doctrine of heredity in sporting skill which I have so often enunciated in this letter.

## THE PROGRESS OF JOHN ROBERTS.

Care and practice have done much for John Roberts. If I were asked to give an opinion as to the secret of the success of Roberts I should without hesitation answer:—"An abstemious life and constant practice." Just let us for a moment see how he has progressed in one branch of the game which he has made his special study. Everyone knows that John Roberts has been the great advocate and exponent of the spot-barred game as the most interesting form of billiards for the ordinary spectator. It is so for the simple reason that it provides variety—the spice of life. No doubt it is marvellous to see a man make his thousands on the spot in one break, but it is much more exciting and charming to watch a good all-round break with the three balls constantly changing positions. It is in this spot-barred game, demanding such all-round excellence, and such fine control, that John Roberts has excelled all rivals. Even he himself has made wonderful advances. Thus in 1885 the best spot-barred break on record was 451 by Roberts against North. In October, 1886, Roberts playing against Mitchell, raised the figure to 534, and next month when meeting the same player Roberts compiled 604. This stood for close on three years as the highest spot-barred break, but in March, 1889, when meeting poor William Cook, Roberts together with that gentleman, without leaving the table, would you believe that since then he has more than doubled this huge effort? In March, 1893, he rattled up 737 against Peril! This year he scored 867 at one attempt against the Australian champion in London, and early in May last, at Manchester, he smashed all previous "bests" by a marvellous 1392. Messrs. Burroughes and Watts had long promised a cheque of £100 to the first player who scored 1000 at the spot-barred game on a table constructed by them. Looking at the thousands and chances of breaking down it seemed very doubtful whether such a feat would ever be accomplished. If it was to be done one felt instinctively that Roberts was the man who would accomplish it, and he was.

## THE GREATEST SPOT-BARRED BREAK.

But I want to tell you some more about this break of 1392. John Roberts is back from the Cape, where he has been playing. The billiard season has again commenced, and during the long cold winter evenings we shall be gathering round the green baize board which is so cheering and consoling after a hard day in the warehouse or the shop. Hence the appropriate title of a little chat on billiards. Well, I watched the making of this 1392, and I want to tell you some of my impressions. It was in a game of 24,000 up spot-barred. Diggle, a young Manchester professional, who plays very daintily and cleverly, receiving 9,000 points. For 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 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